

FCC Commissioners  
The Federal Communications Commission RE: Docket 04-435  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners ,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the FCC's proposal to relax the restrictions on the use of cell phones on airplanes in flight.

First, there is no hard evidence that cell phone use doesn't interfere with navigational instruments.

Second, cell phone use could enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively--a stretch but certainly not out of the realm of possibility.

Finally, and perhaps most important to quality of life, passengers already have abandoned self-restraint when expressing their displeasure or annoyance. Restaurants, theatres, concert halls and the like have all banned cellphones because of the annoyance to other patrons. If you have travelled in an airplane, you are well aware that while the airplane itself is a public conveyance, the interior is a closed, private space. The mixture of thin air, cramped quarters, frayed nerves and alcohol consumption already pushes passengers to the limit. Add multiple, high volume cell phone conversations and the recipe for disaster is complete. The introduction of cell phone use in the cabin will not only increase tension among passengers, it will compromise flight attendants' ability to maintain order in an emergency.

For the very few true emergencies that might happen to the random customer while airborne, the sky telephones suffice. To prevent the banal chitchat held at irritatingly loud volume by one's seatmate from irritating the surrounding customers, I urge you to please leave the current rules in effect.

Sincerely,

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cc:  
Senator Charles Schumer  
Senator Hillary Clinton  
Representative Gary Ackerman

